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Applicant: Yutaka ASHIDA et al.

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Customer No: 28892

For: Drugs for Ameliorating Itch, Rough Skin or Hypersensitive Skin  
or for Whitening via Inhibition of the Production and Release  
of Stem Cell Factor

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

US Patent & Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop: RESTRICTION  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005,  
Applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement by  
electing Group I, claims 1 - 3 and 17 without traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the above is fully  
responsive to the Restriction Requirement. Further, it is  
respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition  
for examination on the merits, and early action and allowance  
thereof is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted

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